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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the communication dated October 5, 2007, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

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ELECTION

Applicant elects Invention I, which encompasses claims 1-17 for prosecution on the merits.

For reference, Invention II includes claims 18-23, which are not elected for consideration unless the Office finds the Applicant's arguments sufficient to overcome the restriction.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions or comments that the Examiner may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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